

full of the overcoming of it." Madame Speaker, Hellen Keller made this observation about life and today I'd like to share the inspiring story of Taylor Christine Hunt. A little baby who I like to call the Miracle Baby. Her story is a moving reminder that prayer, faith, hope, and love can and do overcome the challenges of life.

Born at 27 weeks and weighing just one and a half pounds little Baby Taylor beat the odds. Last fall my staffer, Nicole Hunt and her husband Jeff Hunt shared their excitement with me as they announced they were expecting their first baby at the end of May. In January of this year they found out they were having a girl. We all rejoiced at the news. However, on March 1, 2009, due to pregnancy complications, little Baby Taylor was born three and a half months premature.

Taylor was immediately admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and placed on a ventilator to help her breathe. She remained on the ventilator for nearly a week as doctors kept a close watch on her. Nicknamed the "little spitfire" by doctors and nurses because of her sassy and stubborn attitude towards all of their poking and prodding, Taylor would not let anything keep her down.

Early on doctors detected an irregularity with her heart and took prompt medical action to correct it. Thankfully they were successful. In the first few months of her life doctors also discovered that Taylor had an eye disorder that primarily affects premature babies. Miraculously, it was there one day and gone the next. Today Taylor has perfect vision. Slowly, as Taylor's body matured, she learned to breathe on her own, take food, and maintain her body temperature.

While Jeff and Nicole sat by her bedside day and night, they also rallied a huge group of supporters to pray for Taylor. Taylor even had her own website called "Pray Taylor Home" and literally thousands of people all over this country and the world prayed for her recovery.

On June 2, 2009, after 94 days of hospitalization, hundreds of tests, dozens of specialists, 3 blood transfusions, and one ambulance ride, Taylor was finally well enough to go home.

Today Taylor has been home for about two months and is thriving. She is almost 8 pounds and is developing beautifully. It has been a pleasure to see this little Miracle Baby beat the odds and I am proud to share her story with this Chamber today.

Edith Wharton, a famous novelist, once wrote: "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." Taylor is that candle—spreading hope and teaching all of us that we must never give up.

And that's just the way it is.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2009*

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madame Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Bill

Account: Army RDT&E

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Federal Technology Group

Address of Receiving Entity: 2421 Thomas Rd., Haltom City, TX 76117

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,500,000 in funding to be used to develop and produce an application called "reactive materials," which is a system designed to defeat Improvised Explosive Devices, thus protecting America's war fighter.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2010.

Amount: \$750,000

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Entity receiving funds: City of Pasco, located at 525 North Third Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301.

Description: These funds will be used to replace the Lewis Street railroad undercrossing with a four-lane overpass to improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians, while improving freight mobility and response times for emergency services.

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses and Bus Facilities

Entity receiving funds: Link Transit of 2700 Euclid Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

Description: Funds will be used to replace old buses and ensure that Link Transit can continue to provide current services.

HONORING THE CAREER OF REAR ADMIRAL LEENDERT R. HERING, SR., UNITED STATES NAVY

### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2009*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the United States Navy are exceptional.

Our country has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent to keep this country free and safe. Rear Admiral Leendert "Len" Hering, Sr. is one such leader.

Radm. Hering was born in Portsmouth, Virginia and commissioned through the NROTC Scholarship Program from State University of New York Maritime College in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology and Oceanography. He has also earned a Master of Science degree in International Relations and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Master of Science degree in Business Management from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island.

Rear Admiral Hering's initial sea assignment was aboard USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28), where he served as 1st and 2nd Division Officer and Assistant First Lieutenant. Upon completion of Department Head School in 1980 he was assigned to the commissioning crew of USS FAHRION (FFG 22) as Ship's Control Officer and later as Combat Systems Officer. He had command of USS ARIES (PHM 5) from January 1989 to January 1991 and USS DOYLE (FFG 39) from July 1995 to March 1997. DOYLE was a member of the Vinson Battle Group in Desert Strike; the ship earned the Battle "E," all possible departmental awards, the 1996 Chief of Naval Operations LAMPS Safety Award, and two TYCOM Safety Awards.

His assignments ashore include duty as operations and plans officer to Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWELVE; aide and administrative assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Naval Warfare; Action Officer, Pacific Command Branch J-33, Joint Operations Directorate, Joint Staff; 1st Battalion Officer and Ethics Instructor, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland; Commanding Officer of Naval Base San Diego; Commander, Naval Surface Group Pacific Northwest; Commander, Navy Region Northwest, and presently Commander, Navy Region Southwest.

Rear Admiral Hering's personal awards include (2) Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, (4) Meritorious Service Medals, and various other personal achievement, service awards and ribbons.

He and his wife Sharon have three boys. STS1 Lee Hering, USN, Tim, and Christopher.

On the occasion of his retirement and on behalf of the people of the United States whom he has served with courage and honor, we commemorate the service of Rear Admiral Leendert R. Hering.

RECOGNIZING ROSE ANN GALLETTA CORIGLIANO UPON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2009*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to recognize the life of Rose Ann Galletta Corigliano as she prepares to celebrate her 80th birthday on August 8, 2009.

Rose, born on Hickory Street in Buffalo, currently lives with her husband James in Amherst, New York and the pair has a long history of being active members of the Western New York community.

In 1963, Rose and James founded Rosina Food Products, a small sausage business James named after his wife, which serviced small meat markets, supermarkets and restaurants in the local Buffalo area.

With Rose's family meatball recipe, Rosina Foods flourished. Within a short time, Rosina Foods saw immense success, moving towards selling their products nationally.

Today, Rose and James have handed the family business down to their sons, Russell and Frank, who now serve as President and Executive Vice President. Russell and Frank have made some major acquisitions, including that of two labels which allows Rosina's to sell many frozen pasta items throughout the United States.